We claim:

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- 1. A monocyclopentadienyl complex comprising the structural feature of the formula Cp-Y_mM^A (I), where the variables have the following meanings:
 - Cp is a cyclopentadienyl system having an aryl substituent,
- Y is a substituent which is bound to Cp and contains at least one uncharged donor containing at least one atom of group 15 or 16 of the Periodic Table,
 - M^A is titanium, zirconium, hafnium, vanadium, niobium, tantalum, chromium, molybdenum or tungsten or an element of group 3 of the Periodic Table and the lanthanides and
 - m is 1, 2 or 3.
- 2. A monocyclopentadienyl complex as claimed in claim 1 having the formula Cp-Y_mM^AX^A_n (V) , where the variables have the following meanings:
 - Cp is a cyclopentadienyl system having an aryl substituent,
- Y is a substituent which is bound to Cp and contains at least one uncharged donor containing at least one atom of group 15 or 16 of the Periodic Table,
- M^A is titanium, zirconium, hafnium, vanadium, niobium, tantalum, chromium, molybdenum or tungsten or an element of group 3 of the Periodic Table and the lanthanides and
 - m is 1, 2 or 3,
- the radicals X^A are each, independently of one another, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, hydrogen, C₁-C₁₀-alkyl, C₂-C₁₀-alkenyl, C₆-C₂₀-aryl, alkylaryl having 1-10 carbon atoms in the alkyl part and 6-20 carbon atoms in the aryl part, NR^{23A}R^{24A}, OR^{23A}, SR^{23A}, SO₃R^{23A}, OC(O)R^{23A}, CN, SCN, β-diketonate, CO, BF₄⁻, PF₆⁻ or bulky noncoordinating anions or two radicals X^A form a substituted or unsubstituted diene ligand, in particular a 1,3-diene ligand, and the radicals X^A may be joined to one another,
 - R^{23A} - R^{24A} are each, independently of one another, hydrogen, C_1 - C_{20} -alkyl, C_2 - C_{20} -alkenyl, C_6 - C_{20} -aryl, alkylaryl having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms in the alkyl part and 6-20 carbon atoms in the aryl part, SiR^{25A} , where the organic radicals R^{23A} - R^{24A} may also

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be substituted by halogens or nitrogen- and oxygen-containing groups and two radicals R^{23A}-R^{24A} may also be joined to form a five- or six-membered ring,

the radicals R^{25A} are each, independently of one another, hydrogen, C_1 - C_{20} -alkyl, C_2 - C_{20} -alkenyl, C_6 - C_{20} -aryl, alkylaryl having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms in the alkyl part and 6-20 carbon atoms in the aryl part and two radicals R^{25A} may also be joined to form a five- or six-membered ring and

n is 1, 2, or 3.

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3. A monocyclopentadienyl complex as claimed in claim 1 or 2 in which Y is formed by the group -Z_k-A- and together with the cyclopentadienyl system Cp and M^A forms a monocyclopentadienyl complex comprising the structural element of the formula Cp-Z_k-A-M^A (II), where the variables have the following meanings:

Cp-Zk-A

$$R^{1A} \qquad R^{2A}$$

$$A \longrightarrow Z_{\overline{K}} \qquad E^{5A} \longrightarrow E^{3A} \qquad (III)$$

$$R^{4A} \qquad R^{3A}$$

Where the variables have the following meanings:

 $E^{1A}_{-}E^{5A}_{-}$ are each carbon or not more than one E^{1A} to E^{5A} is phosphorus,

are each, independently of one another, hydrogen, C₁-C₂₂-alkyl, C₂-C₂₂-alkenyl, C₆-C₂₂-aryl, alkylaryl having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms in the alkyl radical and 6-20 carbon atoms in the aryl radical, NR^{5A}₂, N(SiR^{5A}₃)₂, OR^{5A}, OSiR^{5A}₃, SiR^{5A}₃, BR^{5A}₂, where the organic radicals R^{1A}-R^{4A} may also be substituted by halogens and two vicinal radicals R^{1A}-R^{4A} may also be joined to form a five-, six- or seven-membered ring, and/or two vicinal radicals R^{1A}-R^{4A} are joined to form a five-, six- or seven-membered heterocycle which contains at least one atom from the group consisting of N, P,O or S and at least one R^{1A}-R^{4A} is a C₆-C₂₂-aryl, where the aryl may also be substituted by N-, P-, O- or S-containing substituents, C₁-C₂₂-alkyl, C₂-C₂₂-alkenyl, halogens or haloalkyls or haloaryls having 1 –10 carbon atoms,

 R^{5A} the radicals R^{5A} are each, independently of one another, hydrogen, C_1 - C_{20} -alkyl, C_2 - C_{20} -alkenyl, C_6 - C_{20} -aryl, alkylaryl having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms in the alkyl part and 6-20 carbon atoms in the aryl part and two geminal radicals R^{5A} may also be joined to form a five- or six-membered ring,

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Z is a divalent bridge between A and Cp selected from the group consisting of

$$R^{6A}$$
 $C = C$
 R^{7A}
 R^{6A}
 R^{6A}

$$-BR^{6A}-, -BNR^{6A}R^{7A}-, -AIR^{6A}-, -Sn-, -O-, -S-, -SO-, -SO_2-, -NR^{6A}-, --CO-, -PR^{6A}- or -P(O)R^{6A},$$
 where

L^{1A}-L^{3A} are each, independently of one another, silicon or germanium,

30 R^{6A}-R^{11A} are each, independently of one another, hydrogen, C₁-C₂₀-alkyl, C₂-C₂₀-alkenyl, C₆-C₂₀-aryl, alkylaryl having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms in the alkyl part and 6-20 carbon atoms in the aryl part or SiR^{12A}₃, where the organic radicals R^{6A}-R^{11A} may also be substituted by halogens and two geminal or vicinal radicals R^{6A}-R^{11A} may also be joined to form a five- or six-membered ring and

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the radicals R^{12A} are each, independently of one another, hydrogen, C_1 - C_{20} -alkyl, C_2 - C_{20} -alkenyl, C_6 - C_{20} -aryl or alkylaryl having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms in the alkyl part and 6-20 carbon atoms in the aryl part, C_1 - C_{10} -alkoxy or C_6 - C_{10} -aryloxy and two radicals R^{12A} may also be joined to form a five- or six-membered ring, and

- A is an uncharged donor group containing one or more atoms of group 15 and/or 16 of the Periodic Table of the Elements or a carbene, preferably an unsubstituted, substituted or fused, heteroaromatic ring system,
- is a metal selected from the group consisting of titanium in the oxidation state 3, vanadium, chromium, molybdenum and tungsten and
- → k is 0 or 1.

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10 4. A monocyclopentadienyl complex as claimed in any of claims 1 to 3 in which A is a group of the formula (IVa) or (IVb):

- , where $E^{6A}\text{-}E^{11A} \ \ \text{are each, independently of one another, carbon or nitrogen,}$
- R^{16A}-R^{21A} are each, independently of one another, hydrogen, C₁-C₂₀-alkyl, C₂-C₂₀-alkenyl, C₆-C₂₀-aryl, alkylaryl having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms in the alkyl part and 6-20 carbon atoms in the aryl part or SiR^{22A}₃, where the organic radicals R^{16A}-R^{21A} may also be substituted by halogens or nitrogen and further C₁-C₂₀-alkyl, C₂-C₂₀-alkenyl, C₆-C₂₀-aryl, alkylaryl having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms in the alkyl part and 6-20 carbon atoms in the aryl part or SiR^{22A}₃ groups and two vicinal radicals R^{16A}-R^{21A} or R^{16A} and Z may also be joined to form a five- or six-membered ring and
 - the radicals R^{22A} are each, independently of one another, hydrogen, C₁-C₂₀-alkyl, C₂-C₂₀-alkenyl, C₆-C₂₀-aryl or alkylaryl having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms in the alkyl part and 6-20 carbon atoms in the aryl part and two radicals R^{22A} may also be joined to form a five- or six-membered ring and
 - p is 0 when $E^{6A}-E^{11A}$ is nitrogen and is 1 when $E^{6A}-E^{11A}$ is carbon.
 - 5. A monocyclopentadienyl complex as claimed in claim 3 or 4 in which –Z-A and the aryl substituent are in the 1,3-positions relative to one another.

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- 6. A catalyst system for olefin polymerization comprising
 - A) at least one monocyclopentadienyl complex according to claims 1 to 5,
 - B) optionally an organic or inorganic support,
 - C) optionally one or more activating compounds,
- 10 D) optionally further catalysts suitable for olefin polymerization and
 - E) optionally one or more metal compounds containing a metal of group 1, 2 or 13 of the Periodic Table.
- A prepolymerized catalyst system comprising a catalyst system as claimed in claim 6 and one or more linear C₂-C₁₀-1-alkenes polymerized onto it in a mass ratio of from 1:0.1 to 1:1 000 based on the catalyst system.
- 8. The use of a catalyst system as claimed in claim 6 or 7 for the polymerization or copolymerization of olefins.
 - 9. A process for preparing polyolefins by polymerization or copolymerization of olefins in the presence of a catalyst system as claimed in claim 6 or 7.
- 25 10. A process for preparing cyclopentadiene systems of the formula (VIa),

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} R^{30A} & E^{12A} & R^{27A} \\ R^{30A} & E^{12A} & E^{13A} \\ R^{31A} & E^{16A} & E^{14A} \\ R^{29A} & R^{28A} \end{pmatrix}$$
 (VIa)

where the variables have the following meanings:

E^{12A}-E^{16A} are each carbon, with four adjacent E^{12A}-E^{16A} forming a conjugated diene system and the remaining E^{12A}-E^{16A} additionally bearing a hydrogen,

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R^{26A}-R^{29A} are each, independently of one another, hydrogen, C₁-C₂₀-alkyl, C₂-C₂₀-alkenyl,

C₆-C₂₀-aryl, alkylaryl having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms in the alkyl part and 6-20 carbon atoms in the aryl part, NR^{32A}₂, N(SiR^{32A}₃)₂, OR^{32A}, OSiR^{32A}₃, BR^{32A}₂, SiR^{32A}₃, where the organic radicals R^{26A}-R^{29A} may also be substituted by halogens and two vicinal radicals R^{26A}-R^{29A} may also be joined to form a five- or six-membered ring, and/or two vicinal radicals R^{26A}-R^{29A} are joined to form a heterocycle which contains at least one atom from the group consisting of N, P, O or S,

are each, independently of one another, hydrogen, C₁-C₂₀-alkyl, C₂-C₂₀-alkenyl,

C₆-C₂₀-aryl, alkylaryl having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms in the alkyl part and 6-20 carbon atoms in the aryl part or SiR^{32A}₃, where the organic radicals R^{30A}-R^{31A} may also be substituted by halogens and R^{30A} or R^{31A} and A may also be joined to form a five- or six-membered ring,

the radicals R^{32A} are each, independently of one another, hydrogen, C_1 - C_{20} -alkyl, C_2 - C_{20} -alkenyl, C_6 - C_{20} -aryl, alkylaryl having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms in the alkyl part and 6-20 carbon atoms in the aryl part and two geminal radicals R^{32A} may also be joined to form a five- or six-membered ring,

20 m is 0, 1 or 2,

A is an uncharged donor group containing one or more atoms of group 15 and/or 16 of the Periodic Table of the Elements or a carbene, preferably an unsubstituted, substituted or fused, heteroaromatic ring system,

which comprises:

- a) reacting an $(A-(CR^{29A}R^{30A})_m)^{-}$ anion with a cyclopentanedione or a silyl ether of an enolised cyclopentanedione.
- 30 11. A process for preparing cyclopentadiene systems of the formula (VIb),

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
R^{26A} & Aryl^{A} \\
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 & R^{30A} & E^{12A} & E^{13A} \\
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 & C & E^{16A} & E^{14A} \\
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 & R^{27A} & E^{27A}
\end{array}$$
(VIb)

where the variables have the following meanings:

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 E^{12A} - E^{16A} are each carbon, with four adjacent E^{12A} - E^{16A} forming a conjugated diene system and the remaining E^{12A} - E^{16A} additionally bearing a hydrogen,

are each, independently of one another, hydrogen, C_1 - C_{20} -alkyl, C_2 - C_{20} -alkenyl, C_6 - C_{20} -aryl, alkylaryl having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms in the alkyl part and 6-20 carbon atoms in the aryl part, SiR^{32A}_3 , where the organic radicals R^{26A} - R^{28A} may also be substituted by halogens and two vicinal radicals R^{27A} - R^{28A} may also be joined to form a five- or six-membered ring, and/or two vicinal radicals R^{27A} - R^{28A} are joined to form a heterocycle which contains at least one atom from the group consisting of N, P, O or S,

 R^{30A} - R^{31A} are each, independently of one another, hydrogen, C_1 - C_{20} -alkyl, C_2 - C_{20} -alkenyl, C_6 - C_{20} -aryl, alkylaryl having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms in the alkyl part and 6-20 carbon atoms in the aryl part or SiR^{32A} ₃, where the organic radicals R^{30A} - R^{31A} may also be substituted by halogens and R^{30A} or R^{31A} and A may also be joined to form a five- or six-membered ring,

the radicals R^{32A} are each, independently of one another, hydrogen, C_1 - C_{20} -alkyl, C_2 - C_{20} -alkenyl, C_6 - C_{20} -aryl, alkylaryl having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms in the alkyl part and 6-20 carbon atoms in the aryl part and two geminal radicals R^{32A} may also be joined to form a five- or six-membered ring,

Aryl A is C_6 - C_{22} -aryl, for example phenyl, naphthyl, biphenyl, anthracenyl or phenanthrenyl, which may also be substituted by N-, P-, O- or S-containing substituents, C_1 - C_{22} -alkyl, C_2 - C_{22} -alkenyl, halogens or haloalkyls or haloaryls having 1–10 carbon atoms and

m is 0 or 1,

A is an unsubstituted, substituted or fused heteroaromatic ring system,

which comprises:

a) reacting an $(A-(CR^{30A}R^{31A})_m)^{-}$ anion with a cyclopentenone system of the formula (VII)

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$$R^{26A}$$
 O
 R^{32A}
 SiO
 R^{28A}
 R^{27A}

to form a cyclopentenone of the formula (VIII)

12. A cyclopentadiene system of the formula (VIb),

$$A \xrightarrow{R^{30A}} E^{12A} \xrightarrow{E^{13A}} Aryl^{A}$$

$$A \xrightarrow{R^{31A}} E^{16A} \xrightarrow{E^{15A}} E^{14A}$$

$$R^{28A}$$

$$R^{28A}$$

$$(VIb)$$

where the variables have the following meanings:

 E^{12A} - E^{16A} are each carbon, with four adjacent E^{12A} - E^{16A} forming a conjugated diene system and the remaining E^{12A} - E^{16A} additionally bearing a hydrogen,

are each, independently of one another, hydrogen, C₁-C₂₀-alkyl, C₂-C₂₀-alkenyl,

C₆-C₂₀-aryl, alkylaryl having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms in the alkyl part and 6-20 carbon atoms in the aryl part, SiR^{32A}₃, where the organic radicals R^{26A}-R^{28A} may also be substituted by halogens and two vicinal radicals R^{27A}-R^{28A} may also be joined to form a five- or six-membered ring, and/or two vicinal radicals R^{27A}-R^{28A} are joined to form a heterocycle which contains at least one atom from the group consisting of N, P, O or S,

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R^{30A}-R^{31A} are each, independently of one another, hydrogen, C₁-C₂₀-alkyl, C₂-C₂₀-alkenyl, C₆-C₂₀-aryl, alkylaryl having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms in the alkyl part and 6-20 carbon atoms in the aryl part or SiR^{32A}₃, where the organic radicals R^{30A}-R^{31A} may also be substituted by halogens and R^{30A} or R^{31A} and A may also be joined to form a five- or six-membered ring,

 R^{32A} the radicals R^{32A} are each, independently of one another, hydrogen, C_1 - C_{20} -alkyl, C_2 - C_{20} -alkenyl, C_6 - C_{20} -aryl, alkylaryl having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms in the alkyl part and 6-20 carbon atoms in the aryl part and two geminal radicals R^{32A} may also be joined to form a five- or six-membered ring,

Aryl^A is C₆-C₂₂-aryl, for example phenyl, naphthyl, biphenyl, anthracenyl or phenanthrenyl, which may also be substituted by N-, P-, O- or S-containing substituents, C₁-C₂₂-alkyl, C₂-C₂₂-alkenyl, halogens or haloalkyls or haloaryls having 1–10 carbon atoms and

m is 0 or 1 and

is an unsubstituted, substituted or fused heteroaromatic ring system.

13. A cyclopentenone of the formula (VIII)

where the variables have the following meanings:

are each, independently of one another, hydrogen, C₁-C₂₀-alkyl, C₂-C₂₀-alkenyl, C₆-C₂₀-aryl, alkylaryl having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms in the alkyl part and 6-20 carbon atoms in the aryl part, SiR^{32A}₃, where the organic radicals R^{26A}-R^{28A} may also be substituted by halogens and two vicinal radicals R^{27A}-R^{28A} may also be joined to form a five- or six-membered ring, and/or two vicinal radicals R^{27A}-R^{28A} are joined to form a heterocycle which contains at least one atom from the group consisting of N, P, O or S,

Aryl^A

 R^{30A} - R^{31A} are each, independently of one another, hydrogen, C_1 - C_{20} -alkyl, C_2 - C_{20} -alkenyl, C_6 - C_{20} -aryl, alkylaryl having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms in the alkyl part and 6-20 carbon atoms in the aryl part or SiR^{32A}_3 , where the organic radicals R^{30A} - R^{31A} may also be substituted by halogens and R^{30A} or R^{31A} and A may also be joined to form a five- or six-membered ring,

 R^{32A} the radicals R^{32A} are each, independently of one another, hydrogen, C_1 - C_{20} -alkyl, C_2 - C_{20} -alkenyl, C_6 - C_{20} -aryl, alkylaryl having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms in the alkyl part and 6-20 carbon atoms in the aryl part and two geminal radicals R^{32A} may also be joined to form a five- or six-membered ring,

is C_6 - C_{22} -aryl, for example phenyl, naphthyl, biphenyl, anthracenyl or phenanthrenyl, which may also be substituted by N-, P-, O- or S-containing substituents, C_1 - C_{22} -alkyl, C_2 - C_{22} -alkenyl, halogens or haloalkyls or haloaryls having 1–10 carbon atoms and

m is 0 or 1 and

20 A is an unsubstituted, substituted or fused heteroaromatic ring system.

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